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SUBJ: SOMALI TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT REPORTEDLY TO TERMINATE

1. EMBOFF LEARNED FROM FED DEPUTY DELEGATE THAT UNDP HAS DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO EXTEND ITU-ADMINISTERED SOMALI TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT WHICH SCHEDULED TERMINATE MARCH 15. DECISION REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY UNDP RES REP OZEROV AND BASED ON PRESENT UN FUNDING SQUEEZE.

2. GSDR, EMBOFF WAS TOLD, ON VERGE OF PANIC BECAUSE THERE IS NO RPT NO INDIGENOUS CAPABILITY MAINTAIN TELECOMM EQUIPMENT AND IT LACKS FUNDS TO FINANCE FOREIGN EXPERTS. GSDR HAS APPROACHED FED AND, WE ASSUME, OTHER DONORS FOR US\$500,000 TO KEEP PROJECT GOING ANOTHER YEAR. FED, FOR ITS PART, DECLINED UNDERWRITETSUCH NORMAL OPERATING (AS OPPOSED TO DEVELOPMENT) COSTS, REMINDING GSDR THAT FED, IN OCTOBER 1974, HAD COMMITTED US\$350,000 TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS WHICH, TO DATE, THE GSDR HAS NOT BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT AND SUGGESTING THAT HAD THESE MONIES BEEN SPENT IN A TIMELY FASHION, THE PRESENT PROBLEM MIGHT NEVER HAVE ARISEN.

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3. FED REP ASKED IF GSDR HAD APPROACHED USG ON MATTER AND
WHAT USG REPOSE MIGHT BE. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT, TO HIS
KNOWLEDGE, GSDR HAD MADE NO SUCH APPROACH AND, WHILE HE COULD
NOT RESPOND AUTHORITATIVELY ON SUBJECT, VENTURED OPINION THAT
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE ASSISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FIELD WITH CONGRESS'S DIRECTIVES TO FOCUS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
ON RURAL POOR.

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